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SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: May I know why the Government are satisfied with the catchment area that belongs to our State? The Chief Engineer, it was pointed out, had stated after discussion that we propose to take water only from the catchment area that belongs to our State. Why should the other parts belonging to the other State be excluded? We are demanding the other parts also.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: We are not demanding any other portion for the construction of the dam. One of the reservoirs might be coming up in their area. That is why consultations are going on. We have made it clear that it will be constructed without detriment to the riparian interests which they also enjoy under that river.

SRI V. C. PALANISAMY GOUNDAR: In the matter of extension of irrigation under this scheme will the Government take into consideration the question of giving irrigation facilities to the famine affected areas of Palladam and Dharapuram.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: பசி வருவதற்கு முன்னாலேயே நெய் விலையைப்பற்றி கோருவது போல் இருக்கிறது அவர் கேட்கிற கேள்வி.

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*234 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 3rd April 1956, from the Akila Malabar Kendra Kalasamithi, Kozhikode, requesting them to recommend to the Government of India, a grant of Rs. 5,000 for the Art Festival conducted by the Samithi; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation was forwarded to the Government of India.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: May I know whether this Government has received any reply from the Government of India on this issue?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir. We have since received the reply from the Government of India. They have expressed their inability to render assistance to the Kala Samithi as all these matters are being attended to by the Sangeeth Natak Academy. The Kala Samithi has now been asked to address the Academy with regard to this.